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Connecticut's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged and employment increased in May when personal income of state residents and hourly earnings of factory workers were at record high levels, State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro reports.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Overall employment increased by 7,500 to 1,425,200, a high for the year (page 2). Seasonal hiring in nonmanufacturing categories accounted for most of the nonfarm employment gains. Declines were recorded in metallic manufacturing where extended vacation closings were expected. There were seasonal monthly gains in construction, trade and hotels. Lower government jobs reflected reduced student workers in state colleges and universities. Thirteen labor markets had higher employment and three had declines (pages 5 & 6).

Wages of factory production workers increased to a weekly average of $331.29, up by $1.21 from April, and the hourly rate of $8.18 was an all-time record high (page 3). Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour workweek basis, average earnings were $7.93 per hour and $317.20 weekly compared with $7.87 and $314.80 in April and 8 percent above the hourly rate in May 1981. Weekly wages were highest in Ansonia, Hartford and Bristol (page 6).

Unemployment: Unemployment dropped to 105,200 (6.5 percent) in May from April's 110,800 (6.9 percent) level but when seasonally adjusted, it remained at 7.3 which compared with the national 9.5 percent May rate (page 4). Thirteen labor market areas reported lower unemployment, two had increases and it was stable in Willimantic. Included in the unemployment estimates were those persons receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and persons entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Seasonally adjusted economic indicators were mixed, with personal income of state residents increasing for the fifth consecutive month (page 7). New automobile registrations were up and the average workweek and manufacturing output were both down.

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Attached is a table detailing average weekly earnings by industry of Connecticut workers covered by unemployment compensation laws for various 1980 and 1981 calendar quarters.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

May 1982

	May 1982	Apr. 1982	May (R) 1981	% Change May '82 over Apr. '82	% Change May '82 over May '81
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,425,200*	1,417,700*	1,450,300*	+ 0.5	- 1.7
Manufacturing.....	414,600*	417,700*	441,000*	- 0.7	- 6.0
Metallic Manufacturing...	299,900*	302,300*	323,500*	- 0.8	- 7.3
Primary Metals.....	17,400*	18,100	19,800*	- 3.9	- 12.1
Fabricated Metals.....	62,000	62,300	65,500	- 0.5	- 5.3
Machinery, Ex. Elec.....	52,900	53,700	59,500	- 1.5	- 11.1
Electrical Equipment....	49,800	49,900	51,800	- 0.2	- 3.9
Transp. Equipment.....	83,400*	83,300*	89,800	+ 0.1	- 7.1
Instruments & Clocks....	27,000*	27,700	29,600	- 2.5	- 8.8
Other Metallic Mfg.....	7,400	7,300	7,500	+ 1.4	- 1.3
Nonmetallic Manufacturing	114,700*	115,400	117,500	- 0.6	- 2.4
Food.....	11,900	11,900	12,200	0.0	- 2.5
Textiles.....	7,500	7,500	8,000	0.0	- 6.2
Apparel.....	11,300	11,200	10,700	+ 0.9	+ 5.6
Furniture & Lumber.....	6,300	6,300	6,400	0.0	- 1.6
Paper.....	9,800	9,900	10,200	- 1.0	- 3.9
Printing & Publishing...	25,600	25,500	24,900	+ 0.4	+ 2.8
Chemicals.....	18,600*	19,000	19,500	- 2.1	- 4.6
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	11,500	11,500	12,700	0.0	- 9.4
Other Nonmetallic Mfg...	12,200	12,600	12,900	- 3.2	- 5.4
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,010,600	1,000,000	1,009,300*	+ 1.1	+ 0.1
Construction.....	51,200	47,600	51,600*	+ 7.6	- 0.8
Transp. (Inc. R.R.).....	31,200	30,700	32,200	+ 1.6	- 3.1
Communications.....	18,100	18,000	18,100	+ 0.6	0.0
Utilities.....	11,500	11,400	11,200	+ 0.9	+ 2.7
Trade.....	305,700	303,200	304,200	+ 0.8	+ 0.5
Wholesale.....	79,100	78,800	76,800	+ 0.4	+ 3.0
Retail.....	159,500	159,200	159,400	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Restaurants.....	67,100	65,200	68,000	+ 2.9	- 1.3
Finance & Real Estate...	50,100	50,300	47,900	- 0.4	+ 4.6
Insurance.....	64,300	64,000	61,500	+ 0.5	+ 4.6
Service.....	297,600	293,000	291,800	+ 1.6	+ 2.0
Hotels.....	6,500	5,900	6,400	+ 10.2	+ 1.6
Laund. & Pers. Serv....	14,300	14,500	14,000	- 1.4	+ 2.1
Business Services.....	60,000	59,100	57,500	+ 1.5	+ 4.4
Health Services.....	100,100	99,900	98,100	+ 0.2	+ 2.0
Law & Professional.....	20,800	20,800	19,900	0.0	+ 4.5
Educational Services...	28,700	27,900	29,200	+ 2.9	- 1.7
Other Services.....	67,200	64,900	66,700	+ 3.5	+ 0.8
Government.....	180,900	181,800	190,800	- 0.5	- 5.2
Federal.....	21,400	21,300	21,500	+ 0.5	- 0.5
State & Local.....	159,500	160,500	169,300	- 0.6	- 5.8

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	May 1982	Apr. 1982	May 1981	May 1982	Apr. 1982	May 1981	May 1982	Apr. 1982	May 1981
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$331.29	$330.08	$318.24	40.5	40.6	41.6	$8.18	$8.13	$7.65
Metallic Manufacturing.....	344.81	344.01	328.50	41.0	41.1	41.9	8.41	8.37	7.84
Primary Metals.....	361.09	354.38	367.11	41.6	41.4	43.6	8.68	8.56	8.42
Fabricated Metals.....	309.87	309.02	303.96	40.4	40.5	42.1	7.67	7.63	7.22
Machinery.....	369.56	367.92	357.73	41.9	42.0	43.1	8.82	8.76	8.30
Electrical Equipment.....	273.32	273.32	263.04	39.9	39.9	41.1	6.85	6.85	6.40
Transportation Equipment...	419.00	414.32	375.55	41.2	40.9	40.6	10.17	10.13	9.25
Instruments & Clocks.....	319.40	329.18	287.64	42.7	43.6	42.3	7.48	7.55	6.80
Other Metallic Mfg.....	281.24	277.67	272.35	40.7	40.3	41.9	6.91	6.89	6.50
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	295.96	295.50	290.50	39.2	39.4	40.8	7.55	7.50	7.12
Food.....	301.32	299.02	301.10	39.7	39.5	40.8	7.59	7.57	7.38
Textiles.....	233.47	232.25	233.63	37.0	37.4	39.8	6.31	6.21	5.87
Apparel.....	184.88	187.76	183.50	34.3	34.9	35.7	5.39	5.38	5.14
Lumber & Furniture.....	248.62	245.57	240.44	40.1	39.8	41.1	6.20	6.17	5.85
Paper.....	373.40	376.20	357.50	44.4	45.0	45.6	8.41	8.36	7.84
Printing & Publishing.....	309.96	309.30	293.66	37.3	37.4	37.6	8.31	8.27	7.81
Chemicals.....	383.22	375.42	371.52	41.7	41.3	43.0	9.19	9.09	8.64
Rubber & Misc. Plastics....	272.35	272.34	283.24	39.3	39.7	41.9	6.93	6.86	6.76
Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....	313.22	316.16	306.79	39.9	40.9	42.2	7.85	7.73	7.27
Construction.....	501.78	486.18	443.07	38.1	37.0	36.8	13.17	13.14	12.04

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	May 1982 Number	May 1982 Ratio to Labor Force	Apr. 1982 Number	Apr. 1982 Ratio to Labor Force	May 1981(R) Number	May 1981(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	105,200	6.5	110,800	6.9	90,700	5.7
Seasonally Adjusted....		(7.3)		(7.3)		(6.0)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia.....	1,800	11.1	1,600	10.2	1,400	8.5
Bridgeport.....	14,000	7.1	14,800	7.5	11,200	5.8
Bristol.....	4,000	10.9	4,400	12.1	2,500	7.0
Danbury.....	5,200	5.3	5,700	5.9	5,000	5.2
Danielson.....	2,700	9.7	3,000	10.7	2,300	8.3
Hartford.....	22,900	5.8	24,500	6.2	19,600	5.1
Meriden.....	2,900	10.4	3,100	11.1	2,300	8.7
Middletown.....	3,400	5.7	3,700	6.2	3,300	5.7
New Britain.....	6,200	8.1	6,400	8.5	4,500	6.0
New Haven.....	13,300	6.6	13,700	6.9	13,100	6.6
New London-Norwich.....	6,500	5.9	6,800	6.3	6,200	5.7
Norwalk.....	3,000	3.8	2,800	3.6	3,000	3.9
Stamford.....	4,200	3.4	4,900	3.9	4,500	3.7
Torrington.....	4,200	10.2	4,300	10.6	3,100	7.6
Waterbury.....	9,500	8.7	9,700	8.9	7,700	7.2
Willimantic.....	1,400	5.3	1,400	5.2	1,000	3.8
U.S.Total-Actual.....	9,957,000	9.1	9,957,000	9.2	7,731,000	7.1
Seasonally Adjusted.....		(9.5)		(9.4)		(7.5)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	May '82	April '82	May '81
All Items.....	287.1	284.3	269.0
Percent Change From....	xxx	+1.0	+6.7

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	May'82	April'82	May'81(R)	Percent Change to May 1982 from: April'82	May'81
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	8,090	8,100	8,560	- 0.1	- 5.5
Manufacturing	2,760	2,870	3,190	- 3.8	- 13.5
Nonmanufacturing	5,330	5,230	5,370	+ 1.9	- 0.7
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	168,070*	168,020	170,310*	+ 0.1	- 1.3
Manufacturing	63,000*	63,440	64,830	- 0.7	- 2.8
Nonmanufacturing	105,070	104,580	105,480*	+ 0.5	- 0.4
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	22,770	22,680	24,180	+ 0.4	- 5.8
Manufacturing	8,850	8,970	10,460	- 1.3	- 15.4
Nonmanufacturing	13,920	13,710	13,720	+ 1.5	+ 1.5
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	69,200	68,860	69,000	+ 0.5	+ 0.3
Manufacturing	25,010	25,010	25,980	0.0	- 3.7
Nonmanufacturing	44,190	43,850	43,020	+ 0.8	+ 2.7
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	19,060	19,130	19,740	- 0.4	- 3.4
Manufacturing	8,530	8,710	9,340	- 2.1	- 8.7
Nonmanufacturing	10,530	10,420	10,400	+ 1.1	+ 1.3
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	397,360	396,250	400,900	+ 0.3	- 0.9
Manufacturing	90,710	91,250	99,050	- 0.6	- 8.4
Nonmanufacturing	306,650	305,000	301,850	+ 0.5	+ 1.6
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,570	21,480	21,510	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
Manufacturing	5,450	5,460	5,410	- 0.2	+ 0.7
Nonmanufacturing	16,120	16,020	16,100	+ 0.6	+ 0.1
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	45,400	45,110	46,170	+ 0.6	- 1.7
Manufacturing	14,470	14,810	15,650	- 2.3	- 7.5
Nonmanufacturing	30,930	30,300	30,520	+ 2.1	+ 1.3
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	62,000*	61,730*	63,650	+ 0.4	- 2.6
Manufacturing	27,000*	27,090*	29,410	- 0.3	- 8.2
Nonmanufacturing	35,000	34,640	34,240	+ 1.0	+ 2.2
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	189,340*	187,030*	190,490	+ 1.2	- 0.6
Manufacturing	40,060*	39,770*	42,620	+ 0.7	- 6.0
Nonmanufacturing	149,280	147,260	147,870	+ 1.4	+ 1.0
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	94,820*	93,900*	95,350*	+ 1.0	- 0.6
Manufacturing	33,930*	34,070	35,990	- 0.4	- 5.7
Nonmanufacturing	60,890*	59,830*	59,360*	+ 1.8	+ 2.6
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	64,430*	64,210	64,020	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
Manufacturing	20,360*	20,730	20,930	- 1.8	- 2.7
Nonmanufacturing	44,070	43,480	43,090	+ 1.4	+ 2.3

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	May'82	April'82	May'81(R)	Percent Change to May 1982 from: April'82	May'81
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	113,130*	112,490*	112,290*	+ 0.6	+ 0.7
Manufacturing	31,200*	31,440*	32,280*	- 0.8	- 3.3
Nonmanufacturing	81,930	81,050	80,010*	+ 1.1	+ 2.4
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	28,270	27,890	29,290	+ 1.4	- 3.5
Manufacturing	9,820	9,930	10,640	- 1.1	- 7.7
Nonmanufacturing	18,450	17,960	18,650	+ 2.7	- 1.1
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	87,720	87,180	87,950*	+ 0.6	- 0.3
Manufacturing	30,720	30,740	31,860	- 0.1	- 3.6
Nonmanufacturing	57,000	56,440	56,090*	+ 1.0	+ 1.6
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	20,600	20,940	20,550	- 1.6	+ 0.2
Manufacturing	2,970	2,840	2,880	+ 4.6	+ 3.1
Nonmanufacturing	17,630	18,100	17,670	- 2.6	- 0.2

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1982	April 1982	May 1981	May 1982	April 1982	May 1981	May 1982	April 1982	May 1981
Ansonia	$366.96	$368.38	$355.72	41.7	42.1	42.5	$8.80	$8.75	$8.37
Bridgeport	344.86	339.90	336.26	41.5	41.2	43.0	8.31	8.25	7.82
Bristol	352.80	351.66	350.15	38.6	38.9	39.7	9.14	9.04	8.82
Danbury	314.81	317.80	312.32	42.2	42.6	44.3	7.46	7.46	7.05
Danielson	276.36	249.53	256.37	39.2	35.8	39.2	7.05	6.97	6.54
Hartford	358.28	354.14	333.29	40.9	40.8	41.3	8.76	8.68	8.07
Meriden	312.16	305.45	283.87	41.4	41.0	41.2	7.54	7.45	6.89
Middletown	334.11	330.85	319.60	39.4	39.2	40.0	8.48	8.44	7.99
New Britain	325.01	329.26	330.85	39.3	40.4	42.2	8.27	8.15	7.84
New Haven	311.20	306.50	293.78	38.9	38.7	39.7	8.00	7.92	7.40
New London-Norwich	347.99	347.65	313.07	40.7	40.9	40.5	8.55	8.50	7.73
Norwalk	330.30	341.55	309.89	42.4	44.3	43.1	7.79	7.71	7.19
Stamford	298.65	298.19	293.76	39.4	39.6	41.2	7.58	7.53	7.13
Torrington	238.62	234.62	238.14	38.8	38.4	40.5	6.15	6.11	5.88
Waterbury	274.28	270.24	270.67	40.1	39.8	41.9	6.84	6.79	6.46
Willimantic	275.10	277.55	256.34	42.0	42.7	42.3	6.55	6.50	6.06

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INCICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1981						
Jan....	1418.4	1433.2	7433	5402	6.7	6.1
Feb....	1414.7	1435.5	4533	5168	6.7	6.1
Mar....	1422.9	1436.0	4055	5344	6.3	6.0
Apr....	1435.5	1434.5	4644	5210	6.1	6.1
May....	1448.7	1437.7	3941	5355	5.7	6.0
Jun....	1457.8	1437.9	5786	6065	6.1	6.0
Jul....	1432.7	1443.7	8374	5379	6.4	6.0
Aug....	1426.4	1441.8	5877	5830	6.2	6.1
Sep....	1441.3	1438.0	3896	6174	5.6	6.2
Oct....	1441.9	1435.3	4729	6564	5.8	6.4
Nov....	1446.0	1433.8	5751	7042	6.0	6.5
Dec....	1447.1	1428.8	10279	6196	6.4	6.6
1982						
Jan....	1417.7	1432.0	8581	6236	7.7	6.5
Feb....	1409.6	1429.6	5890	6716	7.6	6.8
Mar....	1413.9	1426.7	5394	7107	7.1	7.0
Apr....	1417.7	1416.3	6211	6971	6.9	7.3
May....	1425.2	1413.9	6148	8353	6.5	7.3
Jun....						
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

	Personal Income Millions (R)	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1981							
Jan....	3277.0	9052	10565	42.1	41.8	119.7	115.1
Feb....	3298.0	7491	9347	41.8	41.9	119.4	115.4
Mar....	3319.7	11387	9435	41.8	41.8	120.3	115.2
Apr....	3325.2	12979	12049	41.5	41.7	119.3	115.7
May....	3340.8	9161	8845	41.6	41.8	119.3	116.1
Jun....	3367.2	9387	8104	41.8	41.9	121.4	117.4
Jul....	3422.4	9219	9015	41.4	41.7	104.0	117.4
Aug....	3447.9	9888	9130	41.3	41.7	104.7	118.7
Sep....	3460.6	8120	9430	41.0	41.2	119.3	117.6
Oct....	3473.4	8742	8419	41.3	41.3	119.0	116.6
Nov....	3488.1	8694	10297	41.4	41.0	118.8	114.5
Dec....	3502.8	8501	8415	41.7	41.0	107.0	112.9
1982							
Jan....	3540.0	6380	7359	40.9	40.6	117.0	112.5
Feb....	3559.9	4919	6080	40.8	40.9	115.0	111.2
Mar....	3578.7	9368	7698	40.9	40.9	115.3	110.4
Apr....	3592.3	5286	5068	40.6	40.8	113.5	110.2
May....	3612.4	8632	7847	40.5	40.7	112.8	109.8
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
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Dec....							

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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF CONNECTICUT WORKERS
COVERED UNDER UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION
(Including All Workers: Executive, Clerical, Supervisory, Sales etc.)

1ST AND 2ND QUARTERS 1981, 2ND, 3RD AND 4TH QUARTERS 1980

INDUSTRY	2nd Qtr. 1981	1st Qtr. 1981	4th Qtr. 1980	3rd Qtr. 1980	2nd Qtr. 1980
Total.....	$308.30	$306.45	$309.23	$280.81	$280.36
Total Manufacturing.....	387.26	383.49	386.75	349.90	347.99
Total Nonmanufacturing.....	273.29	270.97	274.77	250.38	249.63
Construction.....	380.23	393.51	396.65	356.12	345.29
Transportation.....	316.43	312.27	325.73	307.46	287.35
Communication & Utilities.....	440.11	419.50	461.03	406.83	396.87
Trade.....	228.51	225.87	230.03	212.42	207.78
Wholesale.....	397.69	400.54	413.03	370.57	365.43
Retail.....	198.16	188.07	196.17	186.03	181.83
Restaurants.....	107.41	106.52	107.49	102.02	99.28
Finance & Real Estate.....	292.87	309.02	304.09	276.64	257.87
Insurance.....	359.92	375.31	347.41	333.40	327.75
Service.....	247.60	241.74	247.71	228.65	225.27
Hotels.....	151.09	141.69	153.49	138.59	142.11
Laundries & Personal Services.	164.65	154.82	164.77	151.51	152.41
Business Services.....	260.06	262.16	273.81	240.95	238.52
Auto Repair, Service & Garages	235.28	229.35	245.84	227.71	218.99
Health Services.....	260.60	253.68	256.41	247.14	241.70
Educational Services.....	246.82	239.34	248.50	251.47	229.58
Government.....	293.09	285.09	288.32	255.44	275.68

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P. JOSEPH PERARO
COMMISSIONER

July 1982

Figures released by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro show employment in Connecticut edging slightly higher in June, but the gain was less than normal for this time of year because of continuing factory layoffs.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Total nonfarm employment in the state increased by 4,200 from mid-May largely as a result of seasonal hiring in the service, construction and trade industries (page 2). In the manufacturing sector many employers continued to effect workforce reductions, with the major May-to-June cutbacks being reported in the fabricated metals and machinery groups. The net effect over the past year has been a loss of almost 31,000 factory jobs. Adding to the recessionary woes, several hundred additional factory workers were temporarily idled this June due to the heavy flooding in south-central Connecticut early in the month. Overall, however, employment grew in eleven labor market areas since mid-May while five showed net reductions (pages 5 & 6).

Average weekly earnings of factory production workers in Connecticut dropped by $1.25 from mid-May to $330.04 in mid-June (page 3). The dip resulted from a three-tenth of an hour reduction in the average workweek which, at 40.2 hours in June, was at its lowest point since the middle of 1976. Partly offsetting the shortened workweek was a three-cent increase in average hourly earnings to a new record high $8.21 per hour. Straight-time earnings this June averaged $7.97 per hour and $318.80 per week, up by 8.9 percent over comparable year-earlier averages of $7.32 and $292.80.

Unemployment: Unemployment in Connecticut increased to 113,600 in mid-June, but when adjusted for seasonal factors the unemployment rate moved down to 6.9 percent of the labor force from a mid-May figure of 7.3. The national unemployment rate this June stood at 9.5 percent, unchanged from May (page 4). Although the May to June increase in Connecticut was less than normal for the period, joblessness across the state is almost 15,000 above the year-earlier level. Hardest hit have been the areas with relatively small employment bases which are heavily dependent on manufacturing. These include the Ansonia, Bristol, Danielson and Meriden areas, all with current unemployment rates in excess of 10 percent, and the New Britain and Torrington areas each with a rate of 9.6 percent. At the other extreme the Stamford area reported a jobless rate of 3.5 percent, one of the lowest in the nation.

Other Indicators: Four of the seven seasonally adjusted economic indicators carried in this report improved in June, including personal income, new auto registrations, and initial claims for unemployment compensation. On the negative side were the seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment total and the factory workweek and output index (page 7).

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A listing of the Connecticut towns recently classified as "labor surplus areas" appears on the back page of this report.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

June 1982

	June 1982	May 1982	June(R) 1981	% Change June '82 over May '82	% Change June '82 over June '81
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,429,400*	1,425,200*	1,457,800*	+ 0.3	- 1.9
Manufacturing.....	412,200*	414,600*	443,100*	- 0.6	- 7.0
Metallic Manufacturing...	297,600*	299,900*	324,100*	- 0.8	- 8.2
Primary Metals.....	17,100	17,400*	19,900*	- 1.7	- 14.1
Fabricated Metals.....	60,300	62,000	66,200	- 2.7	- 8.9
Machinery, Ex. Elec.....	52,100	52,900	60,000	- 1.5	- 13.2
Electrical Equipment....	49,700	49,800	52,400	- 0.2	- 5.2
Transportation Equip....	84,300	83,400*	88,500	+ 1.1	- 4.8
Instruments & Clocks....	26,800*	27,000*	29,800*	- 0.7	- 10.1
Other Metallic Mfg.....	7,300	7,400	7,300	- 1.4	0.0
Nonmetallic Manufacturing	114,600	114,700	119,000	- 0.1	- 3.7
Food.....	12,200	11,900	12,400	+ 2.5	- 1.6
Textiles.....	7,200	7,500	8,100	- 4.0	- 11.1
Apparel.....	11,000	11,300	10,800	- 2.6	+ 1.8
Furniture & Lumber.....	6,300	6,300	6,500	0.0	- 3.1
Paper.....	9,800	9,800	10,400	0.0	- 5.8
Printing & Publishing...	25,700	25,600	25,100	+ 0.4	+ 2.4
Chemicals.....	18,700	18,600*	19,800	+ 0.5	- 5.6
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	11,400	11,500	12,800	- 0.9	- 10.9
Other Nonmetallic Mfg...	12,300	12,200	13,100	+ 0.8	- 6.1
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,017,200*	1,010,600*	1,014,700*	+ 0.6	+ 0.2
Construction.....	52,800*	51,200	54,100*	+ 3.1	- 2.4
Transp. (Inc. R.R.).....	31,800	31,200	32,600	+ 1.9	- 2.4
Communications.....	18,200	18,100	18,200	+ 0.6	0.0
Utilities.....	11,600	11,500	11,400	+ 0.9	+ 1.8
Trade.....	307,800	305,700	306,000	+ 0.7	+ 0.6
Wholesale.....	80,400	79,100	77,500	+ 1.6	+ 3.7
Retail.....	159,700	159,500	159,800	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Restaurants.....	67,700	67,100	68,700	+ 0.9	- 1.5
Finance & Real Estate...	50,900	50,100	49,100	+ 1.6	+ 3.7
Insurance.....	65,100	64,300	62,200	+ 1.2	+ 4.7
Service.....	300,600	297,600	293,700	+ 1.0	+ 2.4
Hotels.....	6,900	6,500	6,700	+ 6.2	+ 3.0
Laundries & Personal...	14,500	14,300	14,000	+ 1.4	+ 3.6
Business Services.....	61,000	60,000	58,200	+ 1.7	+ 4.8
Health Services.....	101,200	100,100	99,400	+ 1.1	+ 1.8
Law & Professional.....	21,200	20,800	20,300	+ 1.9	+ 4.4
Educational Services...	27,000	28,700	26,900	- 5.9	+ 0.4
Other Services.....	68,800	67,200	68,200	+ 2.4	+ 0.9
Government.....	178,400	180,900	187,400	- 1.4	- 4.8
Federal.....	21,500	21,400	21,600	+ 0.5	- 0.5
State & Local.....	156,900	159,500	165,800	- 1.6	- 5.4

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	June 1982	May 1982	June 1981	June 1982	May 1982	June 1981	June 1982	May 1982	June 1981
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$330.04	$331.29	$319.35	40.2	40.5	41.8	$ 8.21	$8.18	$7.64
Metallic Manufacturing.....	343.07	344.81	329.64	40.6	41.0	42.1	8.45	8.41	7.83
Primary Metals.....	363.96	361.09	367.98	41.5	41.6	43.6	8.77	8.68	8.44
Fabricated Metals.....	310.71	309.87	304.56	40.3	40.4	42.3	7.71	7.67	7.20
Machinery.....	365.38	369.56	361.88	41.1	41.9	43.6	8.89	8.82	8.30
Electrical Equipment.....	268.31	273.32	264.92	39.4	39.9	41.2	6.81	6.85	6.43
Transportation Equipment...	414.73	419.00	375.19	40.7	41.2	40.3	10.19	10.17	9.31
Instruments & Clocks.....	320.88	319.40	299.64	42.5	42.7	43.3	7.55	7.48	6.92
Other Metallic Mfg.....	280.42	281.24	277.64	40.7	40.7	44.0	6.89	6.91	6.31
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	297.16	295.96	291.51	39.1	39.2	41.0	7.60	7.55	7.11
Food.....	301.82	301.32	308.43	39.3	39.7	41.4	7.68	7.59	7.45
Textiles.....	243.81	233.47	237.33	37.8	37.0	40.5	6.45	6.31	5.86
Apparel.....	183.73	184.88	186.22	34.6	34.3	36.3	5.31	5.39	5.13
Lumber & Furniture.....	244.55	248.62	235.17	39.7	40.1	40.2	6.16	6.20	5.85
Paper.....	374.25	373.40	363.13	44.5	44.4	46.2	8.41	8.41	7.86
Printing & Publishing.....	309.86	309.96	292.81	36.8	37.3	37.3	8.42	8.31	7.85
Chemicals.....	376.58	383.22	361.67	40.8	41.7	42.4	9.23	9.19	8.53
Rubber & Misc. Plastics....	273.53	272.35	280.14	39.3	39.3	42.0	6.96	6.93	6.67
Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....	324.01	313.22	317.39	40.4	39.9	43.3	8.02	7.85	7.33
Construction.....	496.67	501.78	457.45	37.4	38.1	37.9	13.28	13.17	12.07

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	June 1982		May 1982		June 1981 (R)	
	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	113,600	6.9	105,200	6.5	98,700	6.1
Seasonally Adjusted....		(6.9)		(7.3)		(6.0)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia.....	1,900	11.5	1,800	11.1	1,700	10.1
Bridgeport.....	15,100	7.7	14,000	7.1	11,900	6.1
Bristol.....	3,900	10.8	4,000	10.9	2,700	7.3
Danbury.....	5,700	5.7	5,200	5.3	5,500	5.6
Danielson.....	3,000	10.5	2,700	9.7	2,400	8.3
Hartford.....	25,400	6.4	22,900	5.8	22,000	5.6
Meriden.....	2,900	10.5	2,900	10.4	2,400	9.0
Middletown.....	3,600	6.1	3,400	5.7	3,500	6.0
New Britain.....	7,300	9.6	6,200	8.1	5,100	6.8
New Haven.....	14,900	7.3	13,300	6.6	14,000	7.0
New London-Norwich....	6,300	5.6	6,500	5.9	6,900	6.3
Norwalk.....	3,600	4.5	3,000	3.8	3,400	4.4
Stamford.....	4,500	3.5	4,200	3.4	4,800	3.8
Torrington.....	4,000	9.6	4,200	10.2	3,300	8.0
Waterbury.....	10,200	9.2	9,500	8.7	7,800	7.3
Willimantic.....	1,300	5.4	1,400	5.3	1,300	5.5
U.S. Total-Actual.....	1,088,600	9.8	9,957,000	9.1	8,485,000	7.7
Seasonally Adjusted.....		(9.5)		(9.5)		(7.4)

*State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	June '82	May '81	June '81
All Items.....	290.6	287.1	271.3
Percent Change From....	xxx	1.2%	7.1%

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI- The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Jun'82	May'82	Jun'81	Percent Change to June 1982 from: May'82	Jun'82
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	8,130	8,090	8,700	+ 0.5	- 6.6
Manufacturing	2,740	2,760	3,240	- 0.7	- 15.4
Nonmanufacturing	5,390	5,330	5,460	+ 1.1	- 1.3
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	168,060	168,070*	170,940*	- 0.1	- 1.7
Manufacturing	62,650	63,000*	65,360	- 0.6	- 4.1
Nonmanufacturing	105,410	105,070	105,580*	+ 0.3	- 0.2
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	22,700	22,770	24,280	- 0.3	- 6.5
Manufacturing	8,590	8,850	10,420	- 2.9	- 17.6
Nonmanufacturing	14,110	13,920	13,860	+ 1.4	+ 1.8
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	69,950	69,200	70,200	+ 1.1	- 0.4
Manufacturing	25,150	25,010	26,440	+ 0.6	- 4.9
Nonmanufacturing	44,800	44,190	43,760	+ 1.4	+ 2.4
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	19,170	19,060	19,930	+ 0.6	- 3.8
Manufacturing	8,540	8,530	9,410	+ 0.1	- 9.2
Nonmanufacturing	10,630	10,530	10,520	+ 0.9	+ 1.0
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	398,740	397,360	403,650	+ 0.3	- 1.2
Manufacturing	90,470	90,710	98,700	- 0.3	- 8.3
Nonmanufacturing	308,270	306,650	304,950	+ 0.5	+ 1.1
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,810	21,570	21,760	+ 1.1	+ 0.2
Manufacturing	5,510	5,450	5,450	+ 1.1	+ 1.1
Nonmanufacturing	16,300	16,120	16,310	+ 1.1	- 0.1
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ	45,480	45,400	46,380	+ 0.2	- 1.9
Manufacturing	14,360	14,470	15,580	- 0.8	- 7.8
Nonmanufacturing	31,120	30,930	30,800	+ 0.6	+ 1.0
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	60,840*	62,000*	63,660	- 1.9	- 4.4
Manufacturing	25,790*	27,000*	29,380	- 4.5	- 12.2
Nonmanufacturing	35,050	35,000	34,280	+ 0.1	+ 2.2
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	188,500*	189,340*	190,440*	- 0.4	- 1.0
Manufacturing	38,740*	40,060*	42,190*	- 3.3	- 8.2
Nonmanufacturing	149,760*	149,280	148,250	+ 0.3	+ 1.0
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	96,740*	94,820*	96,550	+ 2.0	+ 0.2
Manufacturing	35,150	33,930*	36,170	+ 3.6	- 2.8
Nonmanufacturing	61,590*	60,890*	60,380	+ 1.1	+ 2.0
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	65,300*	64,430*	65,320	+ 1.4	- 0.1
Manufacturing	20,280*	20,360*	21,120	- 0.4	- 4.0
Nonmanufacturing	45,020	44,070	44,200	+ 2.2	+ 1.9

Area	Jun'82	May'82	Jun'81	Percent Change to June 1982 from: May'82	Jun'81
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	114,490	113,130*	114,630*	+ 1.2	- 0 1
Manufacturing	31,310	31,200*	32,590*	+ 0.4	- 3.9
Nonmanufacturing	83,180	81,930	82,040	+ 1.5	+ 1.4
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	28,510	28,270	29,560	+ 0.8	- 3.6
Manufacturing	9,970	9,820	10,760	+ 1.5	- 7.3
Nonmanufacturing	18,540	18,450	18,820	+ 0.5	- 1.5
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	88,190	87,720	88,960	+ 0.5	- 0.9
Manufacturing	30,450	30,720	32,230	- 0.9	- 5.5
Nonmanufacturing	57,740	57,000	56,730	+ 1.3	+ 1.8
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	18,170	20,600	18,490	-11.8	- 1.7
Manufacturing	2,850	2,970	2,910	- 4.0	- 2.1
Nonmanufacturing	15,320	17,630	15,580	-13.1	- 1.7

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications beacuse they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1982	Ma, 1982	June 1981	June 1982	May 1982	June 1981	June 1982	May 1982	June 1981
Ansonia	$357.94	$366.96	$359.91	40.4	41.7	43.0	$8.86	$8.80	$8.37
Bridgeport	346.92	344.86	340.49	41.3	41.5	43.1	8.40	8.31	7.90
Bristol	357.35	352.80	359.72	38.8	38.6	40.6	9.21	9.14	8.86
Danbury	314.34	314.81	311.61	41.8	42.2	44.2	7.52	7.46	7 05
Danielson	284.09	276.36	257.79	39.9	39.2	39.0	7.12	7.05	6.61
Hartford	356.47	358.28	334.13	40.6	40.9	41.2	8.78	8.76	8.11
Meriden	310.84	312.16	280.70	40.9	41.4	40.8	7.60	7.54	6.88
Middletown	335.55	334.11	322.40	39 2	39.4	40.1	8.56	8.48	8.04
New Britain	338.15	325.01	335.20	40.4	39.3	42.7	8.37	8.27	7.85
New Haven	311.08	311.20	299.95	38.5	38.9	40.1	8.08	8.00	7.48
New London-Norwich	340.49	347.99	314.74	39.5	40.7	40.3	8.62	8.55	7.81
Norwalk	322.22	330.30	316.36	41.1	42.4	44.0	7.84	7.79	7.19
Stamford	301.78	298.65	295.40	39.5	39.4	41.2	7.64	7.58	7.17
Torrington	237.46	238.62	242.13	38.3	38.8	40.9	6.20	6.15	5.92
Waterbury	277.89	274.28	275.60	40.1	40.1	42.4	6.93	6.84	6.50
Willimantic	247.78	275.10	253.76	37.6	42.0	41.6	6.59	6.55	6.10

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INCICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1981						
Jan....	1418.4	1433.2	7433	5402	6.7	6.1
Feb....	1414.7	1435.5	4533	5168	6.7	6.1
Mar....	1422.9	1436.0	4055	5344	6.3	6.0
Apr....	1435.5	1434.5	4644	5210	6.1	6.1
May....	1448.7	1437.7	3941	5355	5.7	6.0
Jun....	1457.8	1437.9	5786	6065	6.1	6.0
Jul....	1432.7	1443.7	8374	5379	6.4	6.0
Aug....	1426.4	1441.8	5877	5830	6.2	6.1
Sep....	1441.3	1438.0	3896	6174	5.6	6.2
Oct....	1441.9	1435.3	4729	6564	5.8	6.4
Nov....	1446.0	1433.8	5751	7042	6.0	6.5
Dec....	1447.1	1428.8	10279	6196	6.4	6.6
1982						
Jan....	1417.7	1432.0	8581	6236	7.7	6.5
Feb....	1409.6	1429.6	5890	6716	7.6	6.8
Mar....	1413.9	1426.7	5394	7107	7.1	7.0
Apr....	1417.7	1416.3	6211	6971	6.9	7.3
May....	1425.2	1413.9	6148	8353	6.5	7.3
Jun....	1429.4	1409.7	7493	7855	6.9	6.9
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

	Personal Income Millions (R)	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1981							
Jan....	3277.0	9052	10565	42.1	41.8	119.7	115.1
Feb....	3298.0	7491	9347	41.8	41.9	119.4	115.4
Mar....	3319.7	11387	9435	41.8	41.8	120.3	115.2
Apr....	3325.2	12979	12049	41.5	41.7	119.3	115.7
May....	3340.8	9161	8845	41.6	41.8	119.3	116.1
Jun....	3367.2	9387	8104	41.8	41.9	121.4	117.4
Jul....	3422.4	9219	9015	41.4	41.7	104.0	117.4
Aug....	3447.9	9888	9130	41.3	41.7	104.7	118.7
Sep....	3460.6	8120	9430	41.0	41.2	119.3	117.6
Oct....	3473.4	8742	8419	41.3	41.3	119.0	116.6
Nov....	3488.1	8694	10297	41.4	41.0	118.8	114.5
Dec....	3502.8	8501	8415	41.7	41.0	107.0	112.9
1982							
Jan....	3540.0	6380	7359	40.9	40.6	117.0	112.5
Feb....	3559.9	4919	6080	40.8	40.9	115.0	111.2
Mar....	3578.7	9368	7698	40.9	40.9	115.3	110.4
Apr....	3592.3	5286	5068	40.6	40.8	113.6	110.2
May....	3612.4	8632	7847	40.5	40.7	112.8	109.8
Jun....	3626.7	9845	8728	40.2	40.2	111.3	107.6
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
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EIGHTEEN CONNECTICUT MUNICIPALITIES LISTED AS LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

A new compilation of labor surplus areas, effective for the period June 1, 1982, through May 31, 1983, has been released by the U.S. Department of Labor. Employers located in these areas are eligible for preference in bidding on Federal procurement contracts. The purpose of the preference is to funnel a part of the government's purchasing dollars into areas of severe economic need. To be included on the annual listing, an area must have had an unemployment rate twenty percent greater than the national average unemployment rate during the reference period, January 1980 through December 1981. The national average unemployment rate for calendar years 1980 and 1981 was 7.5 percent of the labor force, thus the qualifying rate used in classifying labor surplus areas was 9.0 percent. Using this relatively long reference period avoids the emphasis of cyclical or seasonal factors as criteria and instead targets areas with high structural unemployment due to workers' lack of skills. Areas may also receive this designation on the basis of exceptional circumstances which cause a sudden unforseen rise in unemployment not reflected in the reference period. This was the criteria used in the addition of Bozrah where recent layoffs worked a severe economic hardship on the community.

Eighteen towns in Connecticut have been designated as labor surplus areas They are:

Ansonia	Plymouth	Thomaston
Bozrah	Pomfret	Thompson
Bridgeport	Putnam	Torrington
Griswold	Seymour	Voluntown
Killingly	Sprague	Waterbury
Plainfield	Sterling	Winchester

Meriden, New Haven and Norwich have improved their labor situations since the last compilation and have been dropped from the current list.

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Seasonally adjusted unemployment was unchanged at 6.9 percent in July as non-farm employment showed a largely seasonal decline and average hourly and weekly earnings and personal income reached record high levels, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Seasonal influences prompted by school closings, factory vacation shutdowns and other layoffs continued to influence the overall employment with the July estimate dropping 23,000 from mid-June to 1,406,400 (page 2). In non-manufacturing, a 3.4 percent increase in construction employment and other seasonal gains in hotel, service and wholesale trade jobs were offset by lower government employment reflecting summer furloughs of school support staff personnel.

Average weekly and hourly earnings of factory production workers were at all-time highs of $331.60 and $8.29, respectively (page 3). The weekly wage was a $1.56 increase from June and the hourly gain, eight-cents. Adjusted for a straight-time, 40-hour week, average hourly earnings rose 10-cents to $8.07 or $322.65 per week, 8.6 percent higher than July 1981. Production workers in the Ansonia area earned the highest weekly wage, $374.82, followed by Bristol, $364.02, Bridgeport, $352.77 and Hartford, $351.43 (page 6).

Unemployment: Statewide unemployment moved to 114,900 in July from June's 113,600 and 102,000 a year ago July. The 6.9 percent seasonally adjusted unemployment rate (page 4), the same as June, once again remained substantially below the nation which had a 9.8 percent rate. Fourteen labor market areas reported increased unemployment which dropped in New Haven, Norwalk, Waterbury and Bristol.

Other Indicators: Personal income of state residents rose to a new monthly high of more than $3.6 billion. Other seasonally adjusted economic indicators were generally mixed (page 7), with a decrease in average weekly new filings for unemployment benefits, a slightly longer workweek, and lower new car registrations and manufacturing output.

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"Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed" is the subject of an attached report.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

	July 1982	June 1982	July 1981(R)	% Change July '82 over June '82	% Change July '82 over July '81
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,406,400*	1,429,400*	1,432,700*	- 1.6	- 1.8
Manufacturing.....	400,100*	412,200*	434,000*	- 2.9	- 7.8
Metallic Manufacturing...	289,100*	297,600*	317,100*	- 2.9	- 8.8
Primary Metals.....	17,300	17,100	19,400*	+ 1.2	- 10.8
Fabricated Metals.....	57,900	60,300	65,200	- 4.0	- 11.2
Machinery, Ex. Elec.....	50,100	52,100	59,000	- 3.8	- 15.1
Electrical Equipment....	48,300	49,700	51,300	- 2.8	- 5.8
Transportation Equip....	82,700	84,300	85,500	- 1.9	- 3.3
Instruments & Clocks....	25,600*	26,800*	29,600	- 4.5	- 13.5
Other Metallic Mfg.....	7,200	7,300	7,100	- 1.4	+ 1.4
Nonmetallic Manufacturing	111,000	114,600	116,900	- 3.1	- 5.0
Food.....	12,200	12,200	12,400	0.0	- 1.6
Textiles.....	6,900	7,200	7,800	- 4.2	- 11.5
Apparel.....	9,000	11,000	10,000	- 18.2	- 10.0
Furniture & Lumber.....	6,200	6,300	6,100	- 1.6	+ 1.6
Paper.....	9,600	9,800	10,200	- 2.0	- 5.9
Printing & Publishing...	25,400	25,700	25,200	- 1.2	+ 0.8
Chemicals.....	18,800	18,700	19,800	+ 0.5	- 5.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	11,100	11,400	12,400	- 2.6	- 10.5
Other Nonmetallic Mfg...	11,800	12,300	13,000	- 4.1	- 9.2
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,006,300*	1,017,200*	998,700	- 1.1	+ 0.8
Construction.....	54,600	52,800*	55,100	+ 3.4	- 0.9
Transportation.....	29,400	31,800	29,900	- 7.6	- 1.7
Motor Freight & Warehsg	12,600	12,500	12,500	+ 0.8	+ 0.8
Other Transportation...	16,800	19,300	17,400	- 13.0	- 3.4
Communications.....	18,400	18,200	18,200	+ 1.1	+ 1.1
Utilities.....	11,600	11,600	11,500	0.0	+ 0.8
Trade.....	306,100	307,800	303,600	- 0.6	+ 0.8
Wholesale.....	81,100	80,400	77,600	+ 0.9	+ 4.5
Retail.....	225,000	227,400	226,000	- 1.1	- 0.4
General Merchandise...	29,800	30,500	30,400	- 2.3	- 2.0
Food Stores.....	41,200	40,800	40,100	+ 1.0	+ 2.7
Auto Dealers & Gas.Sta	24,200	24,400	24,700	- 0.8	- 2.0
Restaurants.....	66,600	67,700	67,400	- 1.6	- 1.2
Other Retail Trade....	63,200	64,000	63,400	- 1.2	- 0.3
Finance, Ins. & R.E.....	117,200	116,000	112,000	+ 1.0	+ 4.6
Banking.....	28,900	28,600	27,000	+ 1.1	+ 7.0
Insurance.....	65,900	65,100	62,800	+ 1.2	+ 4.9
Real Estate.....	10,400	10,300	10,300	+ 1.0	+ 1.0
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E.	12,000	12,000	11,900	0.0	+ 0.8
Services.....	302,200*	300,600	293,300	+ 0.5	+ 3.0
Hotels.....	8,000	6,900	7,600	+ 15.9	+ 5.2
Personal Services.....	14,200	14,500	13,700	- 2.1	+ 3.6
Business Services.....	61,400	61,000	58,300	+ 0.7	+ 5.3
Health Services.....	100,800*	101,200	99,200	- 0.4	+ 1.6
Law & Professional.....	21,200	21,200	20,300	0.0	+ 4.4
Educational Services...	25,500	27,000	24,700	- 5.6	+ 3.2
Other Services.....	71,100	68,800	69,500	+ 3.3	+ 2.3
Government.....	166,800	178,400	175,100	- 6.5	- 4.7
Federal.....	21,800	21,500	21,700	+ 1.4	+ 0.5
State & Local.....	145,000	156,900	153,400	- 7.6	- 5.5

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes

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Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	July 1982	June 1982	July 1981	July 1982	June 1982	July 1981	July 1982	June 1982	July 1981
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$331.60	$330.04	$317.95	40.0	40.2	41.4	$8.29	$8.21	$7.68
Metallic Manufacturing.....	343.36	343.07	328.18	40.3	40.6	41.7	8.52	8.45	7.87
Primary Metals.....	363.94	363.96	367.16	40.8	41.5	43.4	8.92	8.77	8.46
Fabricated Metals.....	310.80	310.71	304.50	40.0	40.3	42.0	7.77	7.71	7.25
Machinery.....	359.96	365.38	356.44	40.4	41.1	43.1	8.90	8.89	8.27
Electrical Equipment.....	268.42	268.31	269.93	39.3	39.4	41.4	6.83	6.81	6.52
Transportation Equipment...	420.02	414.73	368.32	40.7	40.7	39.1	10.32	10.19	9.42
Instruments & Clocks.....	316.50	320.88	312.84	42.2	42.5	44.0	7.50	7.55	7.11
Other Metallic Mfg.....	276.31	280.42	276.38	39.7	40.7	43.8	6.96	6.89	6.31
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	301.06	297.16	290.39	39.2	39.1	40.5	7.68	7.60	7.17
Food.....	305.73	301.82	309.75	39.5	39.3	41.3	7.74	7.68	7.50
Textiles.....	235.99	243.81	233.63	37.4	37.8	39.8	6.31	6.45	5.87
Apparel.....	189.16	183.73	182.50	34.9	34.6	35.3	5.42	5.31	5.17
Lumber & Furniture.....	236.46	244.55	228.14	38.7	39.7	39.2	6.11	6.16	5.82
Paper.....	383.80	374.25	362.15	45.1	44.5	45.9	8.51	8.41	7.89
Printing & Publishing.....	311.95	309.86	292.56	36.7	36.8	36.8	8.50	8.42	7.95
Chemicals.....	372.28	376.58	363.36	41.0	40.8	42.3	9.08	9.23	8.59
Rubber & Misc. Plastics....	275.89	273.53	275.46	39.3	39.3	41.8	7.02	6.96	6.59
Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....	327.64	324.01	315.03	40.4	40.4	42.4	8.11	8.02	7.43
Construction.....	501.58	496.67	459.27	37.6	37.4	37.8	13.34	13.28	12.15

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	July 1982 Number	July 1982 Ratio to Labor Force	June 1982 Number	June 1982 Ratio to Labor Force	July 1981(R) Number	July 1981(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	114,900	7.1	113,600	6.9	102,000	6.4
Seasonally Adjusted....		(6.9)		(6.9)		(6.0)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia.....	2,000	12.0	1,900	11.5	1,600	9.8
Bridgeport.....	15,300	7.8	15,100	7.7	12,200	6.3
Bristol.....	3,700	10.6	3,900	10.8	2,900	8.1
Danbury.....	6,300	6.3	5,700	5.7	5,600	5.8
Danielson.....	3,100	10.8	3,000	10.5	2,600	9.1
Hartford.....	26,500	6.7	25,400	6.4	22,300	5.8
Meriden.....	3,100	11.2	2,900	10.5	2,400	9.3
Middletown.....	3,600	6.2	3,600	6.1	3,500	6.0
New Britain.....	7,100	9.7	7,300	9.6	5,300	7.3
New Haven.....	13,800	6.9	14,900	7.3	14,000	7.0
New London-Norwich.....	6,500	5.8	6,300	5.6	6,900	6.3
Norwalk.....	3,500	4.4	3,600	4.5	3,700	4.7
Stamford.....	4,800	3.8	4,500	3.5	4,900	3.9
Torrington.....	4,200	9.9	4,000	9.6	3,600	8.5
Waterbury.....	10,000	9.0	10,200	9.2	9,200	8.6
Willimantic.....	1,400	5.9	1,300	5.4	1,300	5.4
U.S. Total-Actual.....	11,036,000	9.8	10,886,000	9.8	8,130,000	7.3
Seasonally Adjusted.....		(9.8)		(9.5)		(7.2)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	July '82	June '82	July '81
All Items.....	292.2	290.6	274.4
Percent Change From....	xxx	+0.6	+6.5

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	July'82	June'82	July'81(R)	Percent Change to July 1982 from: June'82	July'81
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	7,900	8,130	8,360	- 2.8	- 5.5
Manufacturing	2,690	2,740	3,190	- 1.8	-15.7
Nonmanufacturing	5,210	5,390	5,170	- 3.3	+ 0.8
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	166,760	168,060	169,240	- 0.8	- 1.5
Manufacturing	62,550	62,650	65,180	- 0.2	- 4.0
Nonmanufacturing	104,210	105,410	104,060	- 1.1	+ 0.1
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,950	22,700	23,380	- 3.3	- 6.1
Manufacturing	8,530	8,590	10,070	- 0.7	-15.3
Nonmanufacturing	13,420	14,110	13,310	- 4.9	+ 0.8
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	68,070	69,950	68,580	- 2.7	- 0.7
Manufacturing	24,530	25,150	26,060	- 2.5	- 5.9
Nonmanufacturing	43,540	44,800	42,520	- 2.8	+ 2.4
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	18,400	19,170	19,320	- 4.0	- 4.8
Manufacturing	8,240	8,540	9,250	- 3.5	-10.9
Nonmanufacturing	10,160	10,630	10,070	- 4.4	+ 0.9
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	393,010	398,740	394,340	- 1.4	- 0.3
Manufacturing	89,160	90,470	95,340	- 1.4	- 6.5
Nonmanufacturing	303,850	308,270	299,000	- 1.4	+ 1.6
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,290	21,810	21,030	- 2.4	+ 1.2
Manufacturing	5,360	5,510	5,320	- 2.7	+ 0.8
Nonmanufacturing	15,930	16,300	15,710	- 2.3	+ 1.4
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	44,640	45,480	45,700	- 1.8	- 2.3
Manufacturing	14,040	14,360	15,510	- 2.2	- 9.5
Nonmanufacturing	30,600	31,120	30,190	- 1.7	+ 1.4
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	58,160*	60,840*	61,470	- 3.7	- 4.7
Manufacturing	25,010*	25,790*	28,450	- 3.0	-12.1
Nonmanufacturing	33,600*	35,050	33,020	- 4.1	+ 1.8
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	186,910*	188,500*	186,010*	- 0.8	+ 0.5
Manufacturing	38,980*	38,740*	41,290*	+ 0.6	- 5.6
Nonmanufacturing	147,930*	149,760*	144,720	- 1.2	+ 2.2
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	96,010*	96,740*	95,110	- 0.8	+ 0.9
Manufacturing	34,700	35,150	34,860	- 1.3	- 0.5
Nonmanufacturing	61,310*	61,590*	60,250	- 0.5	+ 1.8
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	64,980	65,300	64,480	- 0.5	+ 0.8
Manufacturing	20,390	20,280	21,000	+ 0.5	- 2.9
Nonmanufacturing	44,590	45,020	43,480	- 1.0	+ 2.6

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	July'82	June'82	July'81(R)	Percent Change to July 1982 from: June'82	July'81
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	113,150	114,490	112,830	- 1.2	+ 0.3
Manufacturing	30,950	31,310	31,960	- 1.1	- 3.2
Nonmanufacturing	82,200	83,180	80,870	- 1.2	+ 1.6
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	28,180	28,510	29,310	- 1.2	- 3.9
Manufacturing	9,810	9,970	10,510	- 1.6	- 6.7
Nonmanufacturing	18,370	18,540	18,800	- 0.9	- 2.3
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	87,520	88,190	87,520	- 0.8	0.0
Manufacturing	29,660	30,450	31,170	- 2.6	- 4.8
Nonmanufacturing	57,860	57,740	56,350	+ 0.2	+ 2.7
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	17,920	18,170	18,280	- 1.4	- 2.0
Manufacturing	2,780	2,850	2,800	- 2.5	- 0.7
Nonmanufacturing	15,140	15,320	15,480	- 1.2	- 2.2

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1982	June 1982	July 1981	July 1982	June 1982	July 1981	July 1982	June 1982	July 1981
Ansonia	$374.82	$357.94	$381.60	42.4	40.4	45.7	$8.84	$8.86	$8.35
Bridgeport	352.77	346.92	341.91	41.6	41.3	42.9	8.48	8.40	7.97
Bristol	364.02	357.35	367.16	39.1	38.8	41.3	9.31	9.21	8.89
Danbury	320.45	314.34	308.42	42.5	41.8	43.5	7.54	7.52	7.09
Danielson	277.81	284.09	258.02	38.8	39.9	38.8	7.16	7.12	6.65
Hartford	351.43	356.47	328.86	39.8	40.6	40.5	8.83	8.78	8.12
Meriden	317.24	310.84	284.96	41.2	40.9	41.6	7.70	7.60	6.85
Middletown	343.94	335.55	319.56	39.9	39.2	39.5	8.62	8.56	8.09
New Britain	339.73	338 15	331.57	40.3	40.4	42.4	8.43	8.37	7.82
New Haven	320.30	311.08	303.75	39.3	38.5	40.5	8.15	8.08	7.50
New London-Norwich	344.99	340.49	315.99	39.7	39.5	40.1	8.69	8.62	7.88
Norwalk	324.99	322.22	328.50	41.4	41.1	45.0	7.85	7.84	7.30
Stamford	306.06	301.78	298.19	39.8	39.5	41.3	7.69	7.64	7.22
Torrington	233.36	237.46	241.08	37.7	38.3	41.0	6.19	6.20	5.88
Waterbury	271.47	277.89	267.73	39.4	40.1	41.0	6.89	6.93	6.53
Willimantic	249.38	247.78	263.16	37.5	37.6	43.0	6.65	6.59	6.12

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

C O N N E C T I C U T E C O N O M I C I N C I C A T O R S

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1981						
Jan....	1418.4	1433.2	7433	5402	6.7	6.1
Feb....	1414.7	1435.5	4533	5168	6.7	6.1
Mar....	1422.9	1436.0	4055	5344	6.3	6.0
Apr....	1435.5	1434.5	4644	5210	6.1	6.1
May....	1448.7	1437.7	3941	5355	5.7	6.0
Jun....	1457.8	1437.9	5786	6065	6.1	6.0
Jul....	1432.7	1443.7	8374	5379	6.4	6.0
Aug....	1426.4	1441.8	5877	5830	6.2	6.1
Sep....	1441.3	1438.0	3896	6174	5.6	6.2
Oct....	1441.9	1435.3	4729	6564	5.8	6.4
Nov....	1446.0	1433.8	5751	7042	6.0	6.5
Dec....	1447.1	1428.8	10279	6196	6.4	6.6
1982						
Jan....	1417.7	1432.0	8581	6236	7.7	6.5
Feb....	1409.6	1429.6	5890	6716	7.6	6.8
Mar....	1413.9	1426.7	5394	7107	7.1	7.0
Apr....	1417.7	1416.3	6211	6971	6.9	7.3
May....	1425.2	1413.9	6148	8353	6.5	7.3
Jun....	1429.4	1409.7	7493	7855	6.9	6.9
Jul....	1406.4	1417.7	10612	6816	7.1	6.9
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

	Personal Income Millions (R)	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1981							
Jan....	3277.0	9052	10565	42.1	41.8	119.7	115.1
Feb....	3298.0	7491	9347	41.8	41.9	119.4	115.4
Mar....	3319.7	11387	9435	41.8	41.8	120.3	115.2
Apr....	3325.2	12979	12049	41.5	41.7	119.3	115.7
May....	3340.8	9161	8845	41.6	41.8	119.3	116.1
Jun....	3367.2	9387	8104	41.8	41.9	121.4	117.4
Jul....	3422.4	9219	9015	41.4	41.7	104.0	117.4
Aug....	3447.9	9888	9130	41.3	41.7	104.7	118.7
Sep....	3460.6	8120	9430	41.0	41.2	119.3	117.6
Oct....	3473.4	8742	8419	41.3	41.3	119.0	116.6
Nov....	3488.1	8694	10297	41.4	41.0	118.8	114.5
Dec....	3502.8	8501	8415	41.7	41.0	107.0	112.9
1982							
Jan....	3540.0	6380	7359	40.9	40.6	117.0	112.5
Feb....	3559.9	4919	6080	40.8	40.9	115.0	111.2
Mar....	3578.7	9368	7698	40.9	40.9	115.3	110.4
Apr....	3592.3	5286	5068	40.6	40.8	113.6	110.2
May....	3612.4	8632	7847	40.5	40.7	112.8	109.8
Jun....	3626.7	9845	8728	40.2	40.2	111.3	107.6
Jul....	3666.4	8391	8076	40.0	40.3	93.1	105.1
Aug....							
Sep....							
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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED

Although a vast majority of the persons at work in Connecticut are covered under provisions of the State or Federal Unemployment Compensation (U.C.) Laws, only about six in every ten of the unemployed jobseekers are so covered and are eligible to file for jobless benefits. Most of the noncovered jobseekers are persons newly entering the labor force - - or reentering after a period of absence - - and they have not earned the required wage credits during the so-called base period, the first four of the five most recently completed calendar quarters. In addition, many persons who did work in covered employment during the base period are found to be ineligible for benefits for a variety of reasons, and as a result, in mid-July 1982 only about 51,000 of the 114,900 persons estimated as unemployed in the State were filing for unemployment benefits.

The data presented in this report and in the accompanying tables describe the eligible jobseeking groups which were filing claims for U.C. benefits during the mid-weeks of July 1981 and 1982. The data were collected through a sampling of claims taken in the Unemployment Compensation offices across the state, and were expanded to the summary count of all claims taken.

Over the past year there has been a gradual increase in both total and insured unemployment, and by July 1982 the level of insured unemployment was up by 12,188 or 31.3 percent from the count in mid-July 1981. At the same time, the average duration for which claimants were out of work (at the time of each survey) increased from 9.7 weeks in July 1981 to 10.1 weeks in July 1982. Both observations clearly indicate that the State's economy has been bending under the persisting recessionary pressures. Nevertheless, the fact that unemployment in Connecticut is not higher is evidence of the relative strength of its economy. As of the week ending July 24, 1982, thirty-eight other states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands reported insured unemployment rates higher than Connecticut's 3.26 percent.

In respect to industry of last attachment, the greatest increase in the number of insured unemployed occurred in the manufacturing sector where there were 10,480 or 62.5 percent more individuals filing claims than a year earlier. The effect of the current economic slowdown on the State's manufacturing firms is further evidenced by the fact that in July 1981 only 43 percent of all insured unemployed had last worked in manufacturing, while in July 1982 well over half were former manufacturing workers. This turnaround occurred in spite of an increase of more than 1,700 insured unemployed in the nonmanufacturing sector as well.

Among the industries in the nonmanufacturing sector, those most greatly affected by the current high costs of borrowing show the greatest adverse effects. The number of insured unemployed increased by 36.6 percent among construction workers, 15.3 percent among wholesale and retail trade employees and 15.4 percent among those in finance, insurance and real estate. A 48.9 percent drop in the number of insured unemployed who had formerly worked in State or local government is attributed to the budgeting cycle. Those laid off from government jobs during 1981 have not generally been rehired by government but have since either exhausted unemployment benefits or have found other employment. In the meantime government layoffs have slowed as the means have been found, at least for the current fiscal year, to continue program operations at reduced levels.

At the time of the most recent survey, the average number of weeks an individual was unemployed increased in all industries except manufacturing, which dropped from 9.7 to 9.5 weeks. This shortening of the average duration in manufacturing was due to the large number of recent layoffs in this sector. Like the other industries, the average unemployment duration for manufacturing workers is expected to increase over the next several months.

A breakdown of the data by occupational category reveals increases in insured unemployment in all categories except the services and the farming, fishery and forestry groups which over the past year showed decreases of 20.1 percent and 10.1 percent, respectively. The largest increases were experienced by persons in those occupations which are normally found in the manufacturing sector: Machine trades - up 55.5 percent; processing - up 47.7 percent; and bench work - up 27.7 percent. Similarly, a rise of 28.6 percent in the number of insured unemployed in the structural work category can be linked to the experience of the construction industry over the period.

The insured unemployed population was younger in July 1982 than in July 1981 as the proportion of claimants under 25 grew to 20.1 percent from 18.7 percent while the proportions fell in all age groups over 35 years. The median age in July 1982 was 35.0 years as compared to 36.1 years in the July 1981 sample. Because of the higher levels of unemployment being experienced in 1982, the absolute number of insured unemployed was higher in all age groups than a year earlier.

Almost all of the age group changes were affected by the changes in the age groups for women. Most significant was the rise from 15.5 percent in July 1981 to 20.1 percent in July 1982 in the proportion of insured unemployed women under 25 and the corresponding overall decrease in the median age of insured unemployed women from 39.2 years to 36.9 years. The percent distribution by age group for men was relatively stable for the months being compared.

The final column on the table shows that in July 1982, when unemployment was higher, women made up a smaller proportion of the total number of insured unemployed. This coincides with the increased layoffs in 1982 in the manufacturing sector, the work force of which is more heavily made up of male workers. A look at this statistic by age group shows that the proportion of women to total diminished in all age groups except the "Under 25" category. Their proportionate increase in this latter category is not readily explained, although it may be an indication of the increasing trend of young women to enter the workforce immediately upon leaving school.

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INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION

Industry of Last Attachment	Insured Unemployed				Avg. Duration (in weeks)	
	July 1982	July 1981	Change Number	Change Percent	July 1982	July 1981
TOTAL	51,131	38,943	+12,188	+ 31.3	10.1	9.7
Manufacturing	27,256	16,776	+10,480	+ 62.5	9.5	9.7
Nonmanufacturing	23,875	22,167	+ 1,708	+ 7.7	10.8	9.6
Constr.&Mining	5,084	3,723	+ 1,361	+ 36.6	11.2	10.0
Transp., Commun. & Utilities	2,218	2,326	- 108	- 4.6	9.0	7.7
Trade	7,683	6,662	+ 1,021	+ 15.3	11.1	9.7
Finance, Insur. & Real Estate	1,384	1,199	+ 185	+ 15.4	11.7	11.0
Services	6,299	6,427	- 128	- 2.0	10.8	10.0
Public Admin.	861	1,686	- 825	- 48.9	9.6	8.9
All Other	346	144	+ 202	+140.3	10.7	10.0

Occupational Category	Insured Unemployed				Avg. Duration (in weeks)	
	July 1982	July 1981	Change Number	Change Percent	July 1982	July 1981
TOTAL	51,131	38,943	+12,188	+ 31.3	10.1	9.7
Prof., Tech., & Managerial	6,332	5,607	+ 725	+ 12.9	11.4	9.6
Clerical & Sales	7,999	7,203	+ 796	+ 11.1	11.1	10.5
Services	2,678	3,353	- 675	- 20.1	10.9	9.6
Farming, Fishery & Forestry	284	316	- 32	- 10.1	12.2	11.1
Processing	1,357	919	+ 438	+ 47.7	11.6	11.1
Machine Trades	7,289	4,688	+ 2,601	+ 55.5	11.3	10.5
Bench Work	3,662	2,867	+ 795	+ 27.7	11.6	10.3
Structural Work	5,737	4,462	+ 1,275	+ 28.6	11.1	10.4
Miscellaneous	4,868	4,300	+ 568	+ 13.2	10.4	9.2
Info. Not Avail.	10,925	5,228	+ 5,697	+109.0	6.4	6.8

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT BY AGE AND SEX

Age Group	Insured Unemployed				Men				Women				Women as a Percent of All Insured Unemp. By Age Group	
	July 1982		July 1981		July 1982		July 1981		July 1982		July 1981			
	Number	Percent Distrib.	Number	Percent Distrib.	Number	Percent Distrib.	Number	Percent Distrib.	Number	Percent Distrib.	Number	Percent Distrib.	July 1982	July 1981
TOTAL	51,131	100.0	38,943	100.0	31,746	100.0	22,627	100.0	19,385	100.0	16,316	100.0	37.9	41.9
Under 25	10,269	20.1	7,284	18.7	6,367	20.1	4,760	21.0	3,902	20.1	2,524	15.5	38.0	34.7
25-34	15,288	29.9	11,340	29.1	10,278	32.4	7,212	31.9	5,010	25.8	4,128	25.3	32.8	36.4
35-44	9,861	19.3	7,897	20.3	5,826	18.4	4,318	19.1	4,035	20.8	3,579	21.9	40.9	45.3
45-54	7,564	14.8	5,859	15.0	4,478	14.1	2,830	12.5	3,086	15.9	3,029	18.6	40.8	51.7
55-64	6,934	13.6	5,481	14.1	3,928	12.4	2,975	13.1	3,006	15.5	2,506	15.4	43.3	45.7
65 & over	1,215	2.4	1,082	2.8	869	2.7	532	2.4	346	1.8	550	3.4	28.5	50.8
Median Age	35.0		36.1		34.2		34.1		36.9		39.2			

NOTE: Percents of totals may not add to 100.0 due to rounding.